New projects in Krishna basin

3006. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation from Andhra Pradesh met him and submitted a memorandum requesting that Karnataka Government be restrained to construct new projects in the Krishna basin; and

(b) if so, the Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Water Commission (CWC) convened an Inter-State meeting on 27-06-2003 at New Delhi under Chairmanship of the Chairman, Central Water Commission to sort out the issue where representatives of the Governments of Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh were present.

Funding of Godavari basin projects

3007. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank and Japanese Bank for International Co-operation have evinced interest in funding the Godavari basin projects proposed to be taken up by the Andhra Pradesh Government;

(b) if so, the names of projects to be taken up with assistance of these agencies; and

(c) by when the work on these projects are likely to be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) No project falling in Godavari basin of Andhra Pradesh has been posed to the World Bank and Japanese Bank for International Cooperation. However, Sriram Sagar Project which is in Godavari basin is already under implementation as one of the components of the World Bank aided Andhra Pradesh Irrigation Project-III. The project is scheduled for completion by 31-7-2004.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.